

Fair Today; Tomorrow
Cloudy, Warmer.

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HARTRIDGE LOSES FIGHT WITH THAWS IN HIS \$94,000 SUIT

Perjury and Disbarment
Proceedings Ordered
by Judge Holt.

ONE CENT DAMAGES REFUSED BY COURT

Most of \$50,000 Paid Him Went
to Witnesses, Declares
Attorney.

NEW YORK, April 12.—A jury in the United States Circuit Court today refused to allow Attorney Clifford W. Hartridge, one of the attorneys for Harry K. Thaw, in his trial for killing Stanford White, one cent of damages in the suit he brought for \$94,000.

Judge Holt at the same time ordered perjury and disbarment proceedings to be brought against Hartridge.

Hartridge, who has already been paid about \$50,000 by the Thaw family, sued for an additional \$94,000. He declared that most of his former fees had been expended for witnesses. The jury returned a sealed verdict last night. It was opened by Judge Holt at 11 o'clock.

Motion Denied.

After denying the usual motions made for setting aside the verdict, Judge Holt said:

"I wish to refer to the charge that has been made here that money was paid by Mr. Hartridge to witnesses. If this money was not paid, there are grounds for a prosecution for perjury. If this money was paid to witnesses, then there will be a prosecution for obstruction of the causes of justice.

"In any event, I am sure there should be causes for action for disbarment proceedings for unprofessional conduct on the part of the plaintiff.

His Instructions.

"I order that all the papers in this case be impounded, and that Attorney Abraham Rose, one of the attorneys for the defendant, shall, as an officer of the court, carry them first to the district attorney to ascertain if there shall not follow a criminal prosecution on the charges of perjury.

"As soon as the district attorney has completed his investigation, I order Mr. Rose to carry these papers before the Bar Association and push disbarment proceedings."

COUNSEL FOR HYDE GET NEW EVIDENCE

Make Claim That Swope's
Body Was Tarnished
With.

KANSAS CITY, April 12.—Counsel for S. C. Hyde, accused of having poisoned his wife's millionaire uncle, Col. Thomas H. Swope, today say they have found evidence that destroys absolutely most important links in the State's chain of evidence.

The discovery claimed is that the body of Colonel Swope was tampered with after it was placed in the vault.

According to the attorneys for the defense, Superintendent Cooke, of Fort View Cemetery, had admitted that the key to the vault was accessible to a number of men, that persons not known to him were seen about the body after it was placed in the vault where it remained before being publicly exhumed, and that a number of persons entered and left the vault after remaining there a long time.

NEGRO MURDERER LYNCHED BY MOB

MERIDIAN, Miss., April 13.—Tom O'Neal, the negro who barricaded himself in the basement of the jail here after killing former Sheriff John Temple, was shot to death by the mob that surrounded the jail shortly before noon today.

WEATHER REPORT.

The weather has cleared over the northern districts east of the Mississippi river.

It is decidedly cooler from the Ohio valley eastward and southward, and also somewhat cooler over the lower Missouri valley. In the Northwest high temperatures continue.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT:
Fair today; tomorrow partly cloudy and warmer; light, variable winds.

TEMPERATURES.

8 a. m.	41
9 a. m.	47
10 a. m.	50
11 a. m.	52
12 noon	56
1 p. m.	55
2 p. m.	53
3 p. m.	50

SUN TABLE.

Sun rises	5:26
Sun sets	6:36

TIDE TABLE.

Today—High tide, 10:45 a. m. and 11:17 p. m. Low tide, 4:12 a. m. and 5:27 p. m.
Tomorrow—High tide, 11:30 a. m. Low tide, 5:36 a. m. and 6:28 p. m.

CONDITION OF THE WATER.

HARPERS FERRY, W. Va., April 13.—Both rivers clear this morning.

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TO BE DEPOSED, IS CANNON'S WISH

Speaker Believes Insurgents
Would Be Discredited by
Ousting Him.

WOULD PRODUCE CHAOS IN HOUSE

Resultant Deadlock Would Spell
Ruin for Rebel Republicans,
Is His Belief.

By JAMES HAY, JR.

While the insurgents of the House are making compact with the Democrats to oust Joseph G. Cannon from the Speakership, Mr. Cannon is doing all he can to hasten such action, because he believes that it would be his revenge and bring discredit upon the insurgents.

This remarkable story of the Speaker's effort to avenge himself for the treatment he has received from the insurgents comes from one of his closest personal friends and most trusted political advisers.

Never in the history of the country has there been such a situation. Here is the dramatic spectacle of a great politician with the miles under his feet struggling to compel the men who have arranged for his annihilation to do their work quickly. His motive, as described by his friends, is to rule the insurgents in the coming Congressional campaign and to demonstrate that his method of doing business has been the correct one in the House.

Would Welcome Vote.

According to this description of Cannon's frame of mind, he would like the insurgents and Democrats to vote him out of the Speakership this afternoon. If this were done, he thinks, the House would be thrown into chaos, the election of a Speaker would be a matter of weeks or even months, and the legislative program of the President would be threatened with disaster if it were not really destroyed.

It was pointed out today that the Speaker has been making a prodigious and irritating and defying the insurgents will be followed by other causes of similar character, and that Mr. Cannon will bait his foe to race toward what he believes will prove their destruction in greater degree than his.

When he was discredited by the House in the adoption of the Norris resolution removing him from the Committee on Rules, he wanted to resign the Speakership then and there, and it was only the work of former Representative James Watson, of Indiana, which persuaded him to keep the chair. He resented this resignation would be practically unwise, but he would be pleased to have himself ousted and then sit around and watch Rome howl.

Plan of Insurgents.

So far as the insurgents are concerned, they have been making a preliminary move toward removing Cannon from the Speakership just at the close of Congress, after the necessary legislation has been adopted. On the other hand, many Democrats are not particularly enthusiastic about removing Cannon as a campaign argument in their own behalf.

Cannon wants removal at any old time, if it comes soon enough to put up to the insurgents and the Democrats the job of enacting legislation demanded. Hurt by the manner in which things have gone against him, he desires to remove himself from the scene and accomplish his friends say that if his removal were followed by chaos, the insurgents would have to go before the country and answer the accusation.

"You were responsible for creating the confusion and defeating the orderly course of legislation. Why did you do it? What good has it done the country?"

That chaos might easily follow Cannon's removal comes from the fact that the Democrats would not vote for a Republican, regular or insurgent, and the insurgent Republicans could not vote for a Democrat.

The fight would come on the election of some Republican not as objectionable as Cannon to the insurgents. What the result would be, no member of the House cares to predict.

CADETS TO ASSIST AT THE UNVEILING

Annual Parade and Review Probably to Be Held Same Day.

While no definite date has been set yet, it is understood that the annual parade and review of the High School Cadet regiment will take place May 11, the date set for the unveiling of the Pulaski and Kosciuszko statues. The regiment has been invited to take part in the unveiling ceremonies and the invitation has been held in abeyance until decision can be reached as to the date of the annual parade.

Superintendent Percy Hughes of the high schools has received a suggestion that the cadets be permitted to hold their parade immediately after the unveiling ceremonies. This date is favorably regarded by the local authorities because it will take the young men from school on one day only should another date be decided upon. It is probable the invitation to take part in the unveiling exercises will be declined.

WARSHIP PLANS BURNED.

CAMDEN, N. J., April 12.—Fire has destroyed a two-story drafting building of the New York Shipbuilding Company with a number of plans, including the working plans of the engine and sanitary systems of the battleships Utah and Arkansas. These plans were duplicates of the originals, which are kept in a fireproof vault, and their destruction will cause no delay in completing the battleships. The loss is estimated at \$30,000.

ST. LAWRENCE OPEN.

MONTREAL, April 12.—The steamship Kron Prince Olav has arrived here from Cape Breton, beating the early arrival record by eleven days. Captain Nilsson reported little trouble from ice.

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FOUR ARE INJURED WHEN JAIL BURNS

One Fireman Thought to
Have Perished at
New Haven.

INMATES GUARDED BY STATE TROOPS

None of the Prisoners Escape Ow-
ing to Prompt Work of
Authorities.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 12.—Several companies of the Second Regiment, Connecticut National Guard, with loaded rifles, surrounded the New Haven county jail today and took out all of the 25 prisoners in time to prevent their being burned to death when a fire starting in a workshop was communicated to the cellhouse proper.

The entire city fire department was called out to fight the flames. The chair workshop and all the other jail workshops and commissary department have been destroyed.

Four firemen have been injured, three possibly fatally, and one is missing. The last is thought to have perished in the flames. None of the prisoners was injured and none escaped.

The fire was started by defective electric wiring in the chair workshop. There was instant terror among the prisoners and the guards could give little attention to the fire, having to hold the prisoners in check.

The entire fire department was called but it was soon seen that the jail would probably go and the State troops were summoned. With bayonets fixed, they marched the 25 men prisoners to the city prison, and the twenty-five women inmates to the militia armory.

Firemen Vaughan, Hussey, and Morse were seriously burned and are in a critical condition. Fireman Shugrue and Lieutenant Doherty were trapped on the second story of one of the buildings. Shugrue leaped and was badly hurt.

Doherty is missing.

There were many narrow escapes.

V. C. MEYERHOFFER DIES AT PRINTERY

Retired Printer Is Stricken
While Chatting With
Friend.

Stricken with heart disease, Vincent C. Meyerhoffer, a former employee of the Government Printing Office, died suddenly shortly before noon today while talking with a friend in the annex of the big printery at North Capitol and H streets. Mr. Meyerhoffer, who was sixty-eight years old, lived at 152 S street northwest.

Apparently in good health, Mr. Meyerhoffer called at the Printing Office this morning to see some of his old friends. After stopping a few minutes in the main building, he went to the office of August Donath, superintendent of documents, in the annex.

"I just dropped around to see the boys and find out how everything was going," Mr. Meyerhoffer said to one of the veteran employees.

He and Mr. Donath had been talking only a few minutes, when Mr. Meyerhoffer suddenly toppled over in his chair. One of the physicians connected with the office was summoned.

Mr. Meyerhoffer was a native of Canada, but had lived in Washington for many years. He was employed at the printing office until a few years ago, when he retired.

Comprehensive Program.

The program to be presented at the convention is said to be the most brilliant and comprehensive ever made out for a national woman's suffrage convention. Though the opening session will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, this meeting will be largely given over to the reports of national officers and to the reports of the various State delegations. It is the season of tomorrow evening that will mark the real opening of the convention.

At this evening session, Mrs. Rachel Foster Avery, of Philadelphia, first vice president of the organization, will preside. President Taft will deliver the first address of the evening, and in the audience there will be a number of Senators, Representatives, and other public men and their wives.

Senator Robert L. Owen of Oklahoma will make an address on "Why Women Should Have Suffrage." Frances Squire Potter, corresponding secretary of the National Association, will talk on "The Making of a Democracy," and the Rev. Anna Howard Shaw, will complete the evening's program.

A notable program will be devoted to one session of the convention to a discussion of the industrial conditions of American women as workers, and as wives and mothers of workers. The bearing of industrial conditions on the white slave traffic will be discussed at this meeting by Mrs. Raymond Robb, and the well-known writer, Charles Edward Russell, will be one of the speakers on the same program.

Dorothy Dix a Speaker.

Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman, "Dorothy Dix," Max Eastman, of the Men's League for Woman's Suffrage in New York; Harriet E. Grimké, Dr. M. Carey Thomas, president of Bryn Mawr College; Harriet Stanton Blatch, Beatrice Forbes-Robertson, and Miss Ray Costello, of England, will be among other well-known women and men who will contribute to various programs during the week's sessions of the convention.

Besides well-known speakers, a large number of the most prominently known

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Leaders in American Suffrage Affairs

THE REV. ANNA HOWARD SHAW,
President National American Woman Suffrage
Association.

MRS. HARRIET TAYLOR UPTON,
Treasurer of the National Organization.



SUFFRAGISTS EAGER FOR GAVEL'S FALL

Woman's Association Con-
venes Tomorrow—Spirited
Sessions Expected.

By SELENE ARMSTRONG.

When the gavel of President Anna Shaw calls to order the forty-second annual convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, at the auditorium of the Arlington Hotel, what promises to be the most notable gathering of American women ever seen in this city will have assembled to begin a determined fight for the ballot.

The convention will be unique in that its main purpose is not to show the progress and the workings of the cause of woman's suffrage in America, but to concentrate all forces at the command of the organization toward obtaining for the movement recognition on the floor of Congress.

The suffragists will not be satisfied, they say, with simply a hearing in the committee rooms of the House and Senate, but will bring powerful pressure to bear in order to get the subject of woman's suffrage discussed on the floor.

In order to lend their aid to this end, the clans of suffragists are gathering from far and near. The largest delegation will come from New York State, and will be headed by Mrs. Ella Hawley Crosscut, president of the New York State Woman Suffrage Association. The four woman suffrage States in the Union, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, and Idaho, will each send powerful delegations, and three-fourths of the States will be represented at the convention by delegates, alternates, and interested visitors.

This impetus was strengthened today, when the Board of Trade representatives speedily arranged for a joint conference.

But one inference can be implied from the haste of the Board of Trade. It is that the board is in possession of certain plans with which it is much impressed, and that it is desirous of unfolding them as soon as possible to the chamber's representatives, so that the two big organizations can get down to work at once, and land the exposition.

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CIVIC BODIES PLAN TO GET PANAMA FAIR

Meeting of Board of Trade
and Chamber of Commerce
Scheduled Today.

The Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade Committees, appointed to investigate whether Washington would stand a fair chance of landing the Panama Canal Exposition, planned to hold the first joint meeting at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon, in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce.

New impetus was given the exposition project yesterday in an announcement made by the Board of Trade committee, after its first session, that it had come to the conclusion the movement to secure the big celebration for the Capital was entirely feasible.

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MRS. E. H. HARRIMAN MAY OUST PLATT'S

Shake-up in Control of Uni-
ted States Express Com-
pany Rumored.

NEW YORK, April 12.—Wall Street was stirred today by a report that Mrs. E. H. Harriman, chief stockholder of the United States Express Company, will ally herself with the minority interests and oust the Platt control in the corporation. For years the late Senator Thomas C. Platt directed its affairs, and his sons inherited that right.

Today Wall Street heard that Mrs. Harriman will vote the 20,000 shares inherited from her husband for a new president who will not be a Platt, and that independent will be placed on the directorate. Dividends are to be increased as a result it is said.

At Mrs. Harriman's office a statement was refused, and at the United States Express Company Treasurer Edward T. Platt said he could not discuss the report.

MAN MADE CRAZY BY SIGHT OF FOOD

Out of Work for Four Days, He
Hurled Himself Through
Grocery Window.

PHILADELPHIA, April 12.—Crazed by the sight of food stuffs displayed in the window of a grocery store which mocked the pangs of hunger that were fast robbing him of strength, George Magistrate Carr, 40, hurled himself through the glass, flung himself upon the fruit and vegetables, and was taken to the hospital.

Leaving his wife and children, Kelly came here, and for four days and nights walked the streets searching for work.

FRIENDS OF ABDUL IN ANOTHER PLOT

Mysterious Arrests Follow
Discovery of Anti-Gov-
ernment Scheme.

SOFIA, April 13.—Another anti-government plot, engineered by friends of Abdul Hamid, the deposed Sultan, has been discovered at Constantinople, according to today's dispatches.

A number of mysterious arrests have been made. Among them are several boys and payment officials under Abdul. There are evidences that the plot was the most threatening of recent months.

The guard at Abdul's villa at Salonika, in which he is a prisoner, has been doubled.

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COLUMBIA, S. C., April 13.—Col. Alexander Cheves Haskell, prominent for years in the South Carolina democracy, chairman of the Government's reorganization committee of the Union Pacific district and supreme judge of South Carolina, and one of the richest men in the South, died here today.

He led the bolting Democratic ticket which unsuccessfully tried to defeat Ben Tillman when the latter was first chosen governor.

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COMMITTEE ASKS RADICAL CHANGES IN CIVIL SERVICE

Under Reclassification, Sala-
ries Will Be Based on
Character of Work.

MEANS PROMOTION TO MANY EMPLOYEES

Proposed Plans Accompany Bill
Recently Introduced by Rep-
resentative Gillett.

A reclassification in the civil service laws with a view to establishing a uniform system throughout the departmental service, whereby salaries will be based solely on the character of the work performed by each clerk, is recommended in a report submitted to the House today by the House Committee on Reform in the Civil Service, accompanying the bill introduced several weeks ago by Representative Gillett of Massachusetts, chairman of that committee.

The provisions of the bill, which are of interest to every Government clerk in Washington, are as follows:

The following schedule of grades and salaries for employees in the executive departments and establishments is hereby adopted, and hereafter estimates for salaries of the employees in the several grades described in said schedule shall be made in accordance with the rates named therein.

SCHEDULE.
Supervisory Grade.

Chief clerks and chiefs of division and other employees who perform supervisory, executive, and administrative duties to be specifically estimated for. Salaries, \$4,200 to \$12,100.

CLERICAL GRADES.

1. SENIOR CLERKS—Employees who are assigned to work largely supervisory, or requiring the highest order of clerical ability, involving much original thought, consideration, and investigation. Salaries, \$2,100, \$1,980, \$1,860.

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